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1. YAP THIAM HIEN IS CURRENTLY IN EUROPE, AS IS LEGAL AID SOCIETY HEAD BUYUNG NASUTION. YAP IS DUE TO RETURN DEC. 18 AND NASUTION SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. SISTER INES BRAUN, WHOSE CATHOLIC SOCIAL WORK PROJECT ASSISTS RELEASEES AND THEIR FAMILIES, WILL BE IN JAKARTA NEXT ON DEC. 14, AND WE WILL TRY TO INTERVIEW HER THEN.

2. THE 2500 PERSONS WHOSE RELEASE WAS ANNOUNCED LAST DECEMBER SHOULD, UNDER ANNOUNCED REGULATIONS, BE CONCLUDING THEIR SIX MONTH PERIOD OF "CITY ARREST" FOLLOWING THEIR SIX MONTHS OF "HOUSE ARREST", BUT WE HAVE NO DEFINITE INFORMATION ON THEIR PRESENT STATUS. THESE PERSONS WERE RELEASED IN VARIOUS LOCALITIES AND THE TOTAL FIGURE CANNOT BE EASILY VERIFIED, BUT SISTER INES TOLD EMBOFF (MEMCON OF MAY 26) THAT SHE HAD BEEN VISITED BY APPROXIMATELY 240 OF THEM, WHO WERE RELEASED IN THE JAKARTA AREA, AND SHE BELIEVED THAT THE 2500 FIGURE WAS CORRECT.

3. BUYUNG NASUTION, AN OUTSPOKEN CRITIC OF THE GOI ON MANY ISSUES AND A FORMER PRISONER, TOLD POLCOUNS IN JULY (REF A.) THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO
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